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(Case No. 99,294)

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In re Application of:

Brent Townshend

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For: Automated Language Assessment
Using Speech Recognition Modeling

Group Art Unit: 2641

Examiner: R. Dorvil

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-captioned Request for Continued Examination, which is filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of the claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.